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SUBJECT: CHAIRMAN OF IOC

REF: HAMBURG 603, STATE 099061

FOR COA FROM MCKERNAN

1. WE APPEAR TO BE IN BEST POSITION IF WE SUPPORT HUMPHREY. HE KNOWS SUBJECT WELL, IS VERY ARTICULATE, AND APPEARS READY TO WORK HARD AT JOB. WHILE ROOL ALSO KNOWS SUBJECT AND PROBABLY WOULD WORK HARD AT JOB, MANY HAVE BEEN DISAPPOINTED WITH HIM WHEN HE HAS TAKEN THE CHAIR AT IOC MEETINGS RECENTLY. I BELIEVE THAT WE HAD BEST KEEP TO OUR LONG HELD POSITION OF NOT RPT NOT SUPPORTING EITHER AMERICANS OR SOVIETS FOR TOP ELECTIVE OFFICES, EVEN IF WOOSTER WOULD BE WILLING TO STAND, WHICH APPEARED DOUBTFUL AT LAST READING. THERE WILL PROBABLY BE LA CANDIDATE, SUCH AS AMARAL- AFFONSO,
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BUT FIRM CANDIDACY HAS NOT RPT NOT YET SURFACED. WE WOULD PROBABLY WANT TO FORESTALL ANY SUCH CANDIDACY, AND SUPPORT EVIDENT FOR HUMPHREY SO FAR SEEMS TO GIVE BEST CHANCE OF THAT. WE SHOULD TRY TO WORK ON SOVIETS TO BRING THEM AROUND TO HUMPHREY.

2. PLEASE CONSULT WHITE, OWEN, AND SNYDER ON ABOVE. IF THEY AGREE, RESPONSE MAY BE MADE TO HAMBURG. IF THAT IS DONE, PLEASE SEND ME INFO COPY IN COPENHAGEN. IF FURTHER QUESTIONS, ADDRESS TO COPENHAGEN.

3. SUGGEST RESPONSE TO ROOL ALONG FOLLOWING LINES. NAMES WE HAVE HEARD MENTIONED SO FAR AS POSSIBLE CANDIDATES FOR IOC CHAIRMAN POSITION IN NOVEMBER ARE HUMPHREY, WOOSTER, ROOL, AND AMARAL- AFFONSO. LATTER IS CLEARLY UNACCEPTABLE. WHILE WOOSTER WOULD DO A VERY GOOD JOB, AT THIS TIME WE ARE INCLINED TO ADHERE TO OUR LONG- HELD ATTITUDE OF SUPPORTING NEITHER AN AMERICAN NOR SOVIET. WE HAVE HERETOFORE NOT RPT NOT TAKEN ANY STANCE ON ROOL AND HUMPHREY, AS BOTH ARE WELL KNOWN TO BE EXTREMELY COMPETENT. HOWEVER, THOSE WE HAVE CONSULTED AND WHO WOULD COMMIT THEMSELVES THIS EARLY ARE FOR HUMPHREY WITH ONLY ONE EXCEPTION. THIS FEELING SEEMS BASED VERY STRONGLY ON THE FACT THAT THE CHAIRMANSHIP

HAS BEEN HELD ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY BY MEN FROM THE NORTH ATLANTIC REGION AND PARTICULARLY FROM WESTERN EUROPE. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE ARE INCLINED TO SUPPORT HUMPHREY, AND INTEND TO FOLLOW THAT COURSE UNLESS THE SITUATION CHANGES MATERIALLY BETWEEN NOW AND NOVEMBER.

4. WE SHOULD BE THINKING OF APPROACH TO SOVIETS SHORTLY AFTER RESPONSE TO ROLL TO TRY TO FIND OUT THEIR REASONS FOR OPPOSITION TO HUMPHREY, AND STRENGTH OF THEIR OPPOSITION, AND ATTEMPT TO CHANGE THEIR MINDS.
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